

Indict Four for Manslaughter in Theater Collapse

Owner, Contractors and an Inspector Named in Two True Bills Returned by Grand Jury in Brooklyn

City Inquiry Is Urged

President Riegelmann in Plea for Probe of Building Dept. of Borough

Indictments were found against four men by the Kings County Grand Jury yesterday in its investigation of the collapse of the American Theater, Bedford Avenue, near Park Avenue, Brooklyn, on November 29 last, in which seven men were killed. Two indictments were returned against each, one charging manslaughter in the first degree for the death of Philip Stein, of 234 Howard Avenue, and the second charging manslaughter in the second degree for the death of Isaac Baskin, of 233 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn. The bodies of these two men were found near the center of the twisted mass of fallen steel.

Following the finding of the indictments, Borough President Riegelmann of Brooklyn directed a communication to Mayor Hylan asking that Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld conduct an investigation of the Bureau of Buildings of Brooklyn.

Those indicted are: Samuel Moskowitz, of 593 Putnam Avenue, one of the owners and builders; Joseph Gaydica, of 235 East Third Street, Brooklyn, and James J. Kavanaugh, steel contractor; James M. Finley, steel inspector of the Department of Buildings, assigned to the American Theater building project.

Bail of Two \$10,000 Each

Immediately after the indictments were handed up, the four men were arraigned before County Judge Martin. Moskowitz and Gaydica were held in \$10,000 and Finley and Kavanaugh in \$5,000 bail for trial. The February Grand Jury, which had been held over to investigate the theater collapse, was not discharged with the handing down of the indictments, but was requested to remain in session for another week. In his request for an investigation of the Buildings Bureau, Borough President Riegelmann wrote to the Mayor: "On March 15, 1922, Justice McAdoo handed down a decision in the John Doe proceedings for the purpose of determining the responsibility for the collapse of the American Theater, on Bedford Avenue, near Park Avenue, in the Borough of Brooklyn, on November 29, 1921."

Investigation Demanded

"In the course of this decision, Mr. Justice McAdoo criticized the Buildings Bureau and the methods used in regard thereto, and stated in his decision, among other things, that human life was unsafe in buildings erected under the jurisdiction of the Buildings Bureau. In view of this statement, it is my opinion that steps should be taken to assure the public that there is no laxity in the Buildings Bureau, or, if such laxity does exist, steps will be taken immediately to bring about its correction."

"In view of the foregoing, may I ask you to kindly direct the Commissioner of Accounts to immediately institute a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the Buildings Bureau of the Borough of Brooklyn."

Joel's Visited in Rum Raid

Owner, 2 Waiters and Liquor Taken to Court

Detectives Swayne, Eklman, Kaufman, McLaughlin and Miss Rosenberg, who also is a detective, took the subway uptown from Police Headquarters last night and went to Joel's, on West Forty-first Street. When Samuel Reichman, the head waiter, came around, Swayne ordered, so he says, two ginger ale high balls for the crowd. The ginger ale high balls were served, it is alleged, by William Briesse, a waiter, who accepted \$2. Then, to the indignation of those at other tables, the detectives arrested Joel Rinaldo himself and likewise Reichman and Briesse. On their way out, the detectives said, they picked up two pint flasks of whiskey and two bottles of gin, which they produced in Night Court, together with Joel and Reichman and Briesse. Magistrate Renaud discharged Reichman and released Joel and the waiter in \$500 bail each for a hearing March 28.

Gray-Haired Sculptress, Aid To Milliner, Tries to End Life

"A Vision Has Called Me; My Heart Is Full," She Says When Found in Yard Behind Shop Bleeding From Wounds Inflicted With Knife

A sculptress who sustained her part of an act with the \$10 or \$15 a week she earned by working two or three days in a millinery shop in Clinton Street tried to end her life yesterday. She is at Bellevue Hospital and may die from loss of blood. The authorities are not sure even of her name, which she gave as Grace Hugo.

She gave as her address that of the Margaret Louisa, the Y. W. C. A. home at 18 East Sixteenth Street, but inquiry showed that she was virtually unknown there, having spent only one night in the place. She said she was fifty-two years old, and streaks of gray in her dark hair confirm the belief that in this statement she was frank.

For two years she had worked two or three days a week as a trimmer and designer at a millinery shop which Morris Goldberg and his wife, Dora, conducted at 57 Clinton Street. They held her in high esteem.

"She was a lady," said stout Mrs. Goldberg with conviction.

Would Accept No Favors

Whatever her social status may be, she entered the life of the Clinton Street millinery shop on precisely the same basis as the other workers. She was paid \$5 a day because she was worth it and would accept no favors, although the Goldbergs, from five-year-old Fanny to Morris himself, sought on every possible occasion to render her services of friendship.

She was friendly and reserved at the same time. She would accept nothing from the Goldbergs except what she felt she had earned, but she returned friendship for friendship. They seldom could induce her to talk of herself. To Mrs. Goldberg, she confided her passion for art and her ambition to attain recognition in sculpture. Once she brought down to the shop some things she had done. Mrs. Goldberg thought they were very nice and said so. Miss Hugo said nothing.

It was Mrs. Goldberg's impression that her favorite employee's home was in California. How she got it, Mrs. Goldberg cannot remember. Ten days ago it was apparent to the solicitous Goldbergs that Miss Hugo was troubled. She did not confide in them, however, and for a week they knew nothing of her. She returned Wednesday for a day's work, still with the worried look which went straight to Mrs. Goldberg's heart. Not a word was to be coaxed from her, however, as to the nature of her trouble. She performed her work with her usual efficiency, though her eyes seemed to see nothing she was doing. Mrs. Goldberg sought as delicately as she could to press an extra \$5 bill upon her. Miss Hugo returned it silently, with a smile.

Left Room With Knife

Yesterday she was back again, still in the shadow and still with unseeing

Anderson's Yonkers Sermon Followed By Wholesale Raid

12 Proprietors Arrested, Summons for 12 More; Large Amount of Whisky and Other Liquors Seized

The speech made by William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, in the Central Methodist Church in Yonkers last Sunday was followed yesterday by the descent of some 150 Federal prohibition enforcement officers upon the town.

The raiders gave twenty-one of the forty-five places they visited a clean bill of health. Twelve proprietors were arrested and summonses were left for twelve others. About 200 bottles of whisky, three barrels of home brew, twenty-three quarts of gin and eight demijohns and seven jugs of wine were seized.

The raids, which were made simultaneously at 2 o'clock, were not confined to saloons, but covered hotels, restaurants, drug stores and even shoe repair shops concerning which Agents Peter Reiger and John Kerrigan had collected enough evidence in the last three weeks to induce United States Commissioner S. M. Hitchcock to issue search warrants. Virtually all the places in which liquor is alleged to have been found were in the poorer quarters, and the enforcement men are convinced that the news of the coming raid leaked out to the larger proprietors in time to permit the removal of such whisky as had been stored in their establishments.

The confiscated liquor was removed to the Knickerbocker Warehouse in Second Street, Manhattan. The proprietors were taken before City Judge Botte and held in bail of \$500 each to appear before Commissioner Hitchcock tomorrow morning.

The raid yesterday was the third and most extensive made in Mr. Anderson's home town in the past year. The agents who executed the search warrants were drawn from New York, Brooklyn, Troy and Albany prohibition staffs, and were headed by Christopher J. Portman, chief enforcement agent for New York City.

Convicts Fight \$175,000 Fire at Clinton Prison

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., March 18.—The industrial building at Clinton prison, Dannemora, was ruined by a fire which started late this afternoon and which was not brought under control until long after midnight. The loss was estimated to be \$175,000.

The fire was discovered by Joseph Welnege, a foreman, a few minutes after the prisoners employed in the building had quit work for the day. The flames had gained great headway and soon sparks were being borne by a strong wind over the prison wall. Five hoses of side caught fire, but the flames soon were extinguished by the local department.

For a few minutes the prisoners were nearly panic-stricken, but Warden Harry M. Kaiser and inspectors and guards soon reassured them that they were in no danger.

A company of forty volunteer convict firemen combatted the blaze, their efforts largely being devoted to saving surrounding structures.

The industrial building was a large, three-story stone structure, and had been built only a few years. Shirts and other articles of clothing were manufactured there, and there was a large stock of goods on hand, all of which were destroyed.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

Raiders Release Shewan Yacht, but Keep Seized Rum

Same Liquor Said to Have Been Taken Last Year From New Yorker at San Francisco and Returned Later

MIAMI, Fla., March 18.—The yacht Patricia, owned by James Shewan, millionaire member of the New York Yacht Club, which, with 505 cases of liquor, worth \$50,000, was seized here today by customs officials, was ordered released this afternoon by Colonel L. G. Nutt, chief of the narcotic division of the Treasury Department. The liquor, however, was removed and placed in a warehouse for further disposition.

Mr. Shewan, the owner of the yacht, is in the East. His brother, Edward S. Shewan, and his family are aboard her. Shewan asserts that the liquor is the same seized on the Patricia at San Francisco a year ago by prohibition officials, but which was returned to him as liquor purchased before the Federal prohibition amendment became effective.

James Shewan, the owner, at that

time, through his attorney, took the case up with Washington and obtained an order from the prohibition commissioner for the release of the liquor on the ground that the local officials exceeded their authority.

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